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Applicant(s): Bhattacharya et al.

Serial No.: 09/896,071

Filing Date: June 29, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR AUTOMATED GENERATION OF DESIGN-SPECIFIC COMPLEX FUNCTIONAL BLOCKS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF SYNTHESIZED DIGITAL INTEGRATED CIRCUITS IN CMOS

Examiner: Do, Thuan V.

Art Unit: 2825

Confirmation No.: 9529

Customer No.: 27623

Attorney Docket: 162.7106USU

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing a Request for Reconsideration in response to the Final Office Action dated March 4, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | |
| Total Claims | 34 | Minus | 34 | 0 | x \$18.00 | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | Minus | 4 | 0 | x \$86.00 | \$0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE | | | | x \$280.00 = \$ | | |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES | | | | PAID | | |

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$_____.

XXX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

June 4, 2004

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 4, 2004, please enter and
consider the following remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.